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**In re Application of:**  
**Gerald J. Maciona et al.**

**Confirmation No.: 4182**

**Application No.: 10/603,407**

**Group Art Unit: 2857**

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**Examiner: Assouad, Patrick J.**

**For: USING CONVERSION OF HIGH LEVEL DESCRIPTIVE HARDWARE  
LANGUAGE INTO LOW LEVEL TESTING LANGUAGE FORMAT FOR  
BUILDING AND TESTING COMPLEX COMPUTER PRODUCTS WITH  
CONTRACT MANUFACTURERS WITHOUT PROPRIETARY  
INFORMATION**

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

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I hereby certify that this Amendment in the above-identified patent application, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being transmitted to telefax number 703-872-9306.

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Inventors: Gerald J. Maciona et al.

Title: USING CONVERSION OF HIGH LEVEL DESCRIPTIVE  
HARDWARE LANGUAGE INTO LOW LEVEL TESTING  
LANGUAGE FORMAT FOR BUILDING AND TESTING  
COMPLEX COMPUTER PRODUCTS WITH CONTRACT  
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir,

This is responsive to the Official Communication of 11/30/04, rejecting claims 5 and 8 and finding all other claims allowable, but objecting to claims 2, 7, 12 and 13.

If an extension of time is required, please consider this a request therefore. If any additional fees are required, charge Deposit Account No. 19-3790.

Please amend the claims as set forth in the listing of claims which follows.